

Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: November 26, 2002 To: Transportation and Public Works Committee Referral to:
Subject: ◆ Setting a Public Hearing for Consideration of Amending the Ordinance for Areaways
Recommendation:
 Setting a public hearing to be held on December 19, 2002 before TPW to consider amending the Ordinance for Areaways.
Previous Directives:
Prepared or Submitted by: Jack Yuzna, Engineering Services, 673-2415 Approved: David J. Sonnenberg, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works By: Paul W. Ogren Presenters in Committee: Jack Yuzna, Engineering Services, 673-2415
Financial Impact (Check those that apply) X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information) Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase Action requires use of contingency or reserves Other financial impact (Explain): Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator
Community Impact (use any categories that apply) Neighborhood Notification City Goals Comprehensive Plan Zoning Code Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

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At the May 9, 2002 Transportation and Public Works meeting, the city engineer was directed to assist building owners who needed to modify their areaways to accommodate the Hennepin Theatre District Streetscape Project.

While working with the owners, the department found that the City's existing areaway ordinance could be revised to allow the city engineer more latitude on how an areaway would be modified or removed. The revisions would provide more flexibility as to how building owners will manage their areaways without compromising the City's interest.

Public Works and the City Attorney staff have completed the ordinance revision. We therefore request that a public hearing be scheduled for the December 19th TPW committee meeting.